

to ensure that our Nation lives up to its promise of equality, making a lasting impact in the struggle for civil rights, labor reform, and women's equality. The Jewish philanthropic tradition, dating back to ancient times, has flourished in America, bringing hope and help to those in need through numerous Jewish charitable organizations and activities. In public service and education, in science and medicine, in entertainment, law, the arts, and many other fields of endeavor, Jewish men and women strengthen our national community and uphold the fundamental American ideals of faith, community, compassion, and responsibility.

Every spring, we set aside this special time to celebrate the many gifts that American Jews bring to our national life. This year, we also join with Jews around the world in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the modern state of Israel. This milestone is a tribute to the strength and resilience of the Jewish spirit in the face of great adversity. Israel's achievements in the past 5 decades of challenge and conflict continue to inspire all Americans and teach us anew the power of the human spirit to build reality out of our dreams.

**Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton,** President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 26 through May 3, 1998, as Jewish Heritage Week. I urge all Americans to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-second.

**William J. Clinton**

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on April 29.

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## Digest of Other White House Announcements

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### April 18

In the afternoon, the President met with President Carlos Menem of Argentina at the Sheraton Hotel in Santiago, Chile. He then attended a working luncheon with Summit of the Americas leaders at the Camino Real Restaurant. Following the luncheon, the President attended summit sessions at the Sheraton Hotel.

In the evening, the President met with President Fernando Cardoso of Brazil. Later in the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a dinner with summit leaders and their spouses at Canon's Courtyard at La Moneda Palace.

The President announced his intention to appoint Hannah Diggs Atkins, Luke R. Corbett, Donald F. Ferrell, Robert M. Johnson, Linda Petree Lambert, Gary Marras, and Richard E. Williams to the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma City National Memorial Trust.

### April 19

In the morning, the President attended Summit of the Americas sessions at the Sheraton Hotel. In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

### April 21

In an afternoon ceremony in the Oval Office, the President signed the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998.

The President announced his intention to nominate Henry L. Solano to serve as Solicitor at the Department of Labor.

### April 22

In a morning ceremony in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President presented the Harry M. Yount Ranger of the Year Award to Mike Anderson of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, NC. Following the ceremony, the President traveled to Harpers

Ferry, WV, where he and the Vice President helped volunteers maintain a section of the Appalachian Trail in Harpers Ferry National Historic Park. He and the Vice President then toured the John Brown Museum.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate George Williford Boyce Haley to be Ambassador to Gambia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Katherine Hubay Peterson to be Ambassador to Lesotho.

The President announced his intention to nominate William D. Clarke to be Ambassador to Eritrea.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laurence J. Cohen to serve as General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Dover, DE, on May 8.

#### ***April 23***

In the morning, the President met with President Saparmurat Niyazov of Turkmenistan in the Oval Office. Following the meeting, the President hosted a working luncheon for President Niyazov in the Old Family Dining Room.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nikki Rush Tinsley to serve as Inspector General at the Environmental Protection Agency.

#### ***April 24***

In the afternoon, the President attended a memorial service for Vivian Ercel Jones Williams, mother of his personal secretary, Betty Currie, at the Community United Methodist Church in Arlington, VA.

The President announced the appointment of J. Gary Burkhead to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Advisory Council.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on April 16.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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#### ***Submitted April 21***

Neal F. Lane,  
of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, vice John Howard Gibbons, resigned.

Henry L. Solano,  
of Colorado, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor, vice Thomas S. Williamson, Jr.

Jonathan H. Spalter,  
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Director of the U.S. Information Agency, vice Robert B. Fulton, resigned.

#### ***Submitted April 22***

William Davis Clarke,  
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Eritrea.

George Williford Boyce Haley,  
of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of The Gambia.

Katherine Hubay Peterson,  
of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Laurence J. Cohen,  
of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of 4 years, vice Frederick L. Feinstein, resigned.